GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2557
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AIDS IN PARA MILITARY FORCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of AIDS are on the rise in the Para Military Forces(PMF);

(b) if so,the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year,force-wise,genderwise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the main factors responsible for this increasing trend among the Jawans of PMF;

(d) if so,the details thereof;and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2557 FOR 16.12.2008

Lack of awareness regarding the mode of transmission of HIV/AIDS infection is stated to be the primary reason for its spread among the Central Para Military Forces (CPF).Under an Action Plan prepared by this Ministry to prevent spread on HIV/AIDS amongst CPF personnel,a number of steps/measures have been taken. Some important measures taken are:

i) Vigorous awareness and education campaign conducted in the Forces.
ii) Regular Peer educators trained.
iii) Better testing facilities along-with Rapid Test Kit/Elisa Reader Machines provided.
iv) Capacity building amongst medical officer/counselors and para medical staff.
v) Education material specially designed for jawans circulated.
vi) Installation of Condom Vending Machines.
vii) Setting up of dedicated Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) Centers.

Although testing for HIV/AIDS is not mandatory,as a result of awareness programming being conducted,more and more personnel have come forward for voluntary testing.The figures of last 3 years given below compiled on the basis of voluntary testing do not reflect any rising trend.

Force	2005			2006			2007			2008		
	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F
AR	83	83	0	146	146	0	106	106	0	86	86	0
BSF	60	54	06	91	84	07	125	109	16	23	22	01
CISF	07	07	0	04	04	0	09	09	0	15	15	0

CRPF 42 41 01 131 125 06 171 166 05 43 42 01

ITBP 04 04 0 03 03 0 10 10 0 02 02 0

NSG 05 05 0 01 01 0 02 02 0 02 02 0

SSB 01 01 0 04 04 0 07 07 0 12 12 0

M-Male F- Female